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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 2260

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS CASC, ZA, CA

SUBJECT: MAY 15 VICTORIA FALLS SHOOTING

REF: LUSAKA 1653

1. EXTAFF OFFICIALS GAVE US PRESENT STATE OF PLAY ON EFFORTS OBTAIN COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR FAMILIES OF GIRLS KILLED IN SHOOTING. EXTAFF LEGAL OFFICIAL PARKS DISCUSSED COMPENSATION WITH ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS WHO WERE PREPARED OFFER EX GRATIA PAYMENT BUT HAD NO IDEA OF APPROPRIATE AMOUNT. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OTTAWA PARKS SUGGESTED \$50,000 TO EACH FAMILY AND WAS PREPARED TO FALL BACK TO \$25,000. ZAMBIANS COUNTERED WITH OFFER OF \$25,000 WHICH PARKS SAID WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOC. ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES STILL CONSIDERING HOW AND WHETHER TO MAKE THIS OFFER TO FAMILIES OF GIRLS.

2. EXTAFF OFFICIALS WERE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS OFFER WOULD SATISFY FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY DRIJBER. DRIJBER HAS SUBMITTED CLAIM "FOR EXPENSES" CONNECTED WITH INCIDENT. HIS LIST INCLUDES COMPENSATION TO RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT FOR LOSS IN TOURIST INDUSTRY AND MILITARY OPERATIONS INVOLVED IN RECOVERING BODIES.

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HE ALSO HAS SUGGESTED HE WILL NOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL

ZAMBIA MAKES FULL AND PUBLIC APOLOGY TO RHODESIA WHICH  
EXTAFF OFFICIALS THOUGHT UNLIKELY IN EXTREME.

3. EXTAFF OFFICIALS BELIEVE ZAMBIANS WILL OFFER \$25,000  
TO DRIJBER AND SINCLAIR FAMILIES, WHICH SINCLAIRS, WHO  
ARE NOT WEALTHY, WILL ACCEPT AND WHICH DRIJBER MAY WELL  
REFUSE WITH FLAMBOYANT GESTURE. GOC IS NOT PREPARED  
INTERVENE FURTHER ON DRIJBER'S BEHALF PARTICULARLY  
SINCE THE ISSUE HAS FADED FROM PUBLIC ATTENTION IN  
CANADA.  
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